

By: Representative Turner

To: Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

HOUSE BILL NO. 136  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANY PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE HANDLING OR  
2 HAVING THE CUSTODY OF PUBLIC FUNDS, BY VIRTUE OF HIS OR HER OFFICE  
3 OR EMPLOYMENT, TO GIVE BOND IN A CERTAIN AMOUNT; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law  
7 to the contrary, any public officer or employee handling or having  
8 the custody of public funds, by virtue of his or her office or  
9 employment, shall give an individual bond or be covered by a  
10 blanket bond. The amount of such bonds shall not be less than  
11 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each public officer  
12 or employee, unless a specific amount is otherwise required by  
13 law. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any public  
14 officer or employee whose activity of handling or having custody  
15 of public funds is incidental to his or her employment or job  
16 duties, as defined by the regulations of the State Auditor's  
17 office.



18           (2) All individual bonds and blanket bonds as required by  
19 this section shall follow the form and content as provided in  
20 Section 25-1-15.

21           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
22 and after July 1, 2021.

